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PATENT APPLICATION
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Masao INOUE, et al.

Appln. No.: 08/987,380

Group Art Unit: 1617

Filed: December 9, 1997

Examiner: S. Wang

For: GRANULAR PESTICIDAL COMPOSITION

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 28, 2000, Applicants elect **Group I (claims 1, 2, 3, 5, 6-7, 10, 11 and 13)**. Applicants expressly reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the subject matter of Groups II at a later date.

However, Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement for the following reasons. Applicants submit that the Examiner has classified both Group I and II in the same class and subclass, i.e., class 424, subclass 501 and therefore there is no serious burden on the Examiner to search the subject matter of both groups.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement.

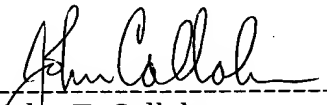
Should the Examiner have any questions or wish to discuss this application, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone

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number listed below.

Please charge any fees necessary to maintain the pendency of this application,
except for the Issue Fee, to our Deposit Account No.: 19-4880.

Respectfully submitted,



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